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Hello Mr. George:

Here are two maps that may give you some idea of what the proposed Goliad project is about. In the first map, the colored shadows represent the ore rich areas, located at different depths. A permit was granted by TCEQ to mine Production Area No. 1 (the yellow area). The dashed line is the boundary of the area that has been requested for exemption from the USDWA protection, so that in-situ mining can commence. The second map provides more details on PA No. 1, with the ring of monitoring wells shown.

EPA received TCEQ's request for an aquifer exemption on behalf of UEC, the operator. The Region informed TCEQ that the application was incomplete because it did not include a demonstration that the aquifer was not being used as a source of drinking water, and because it did not include a demonstration that the plume would not pose a danger to human health once operations are shut down. The operator is seeking approval without having to provide the requested demonstrations. As far as I know, the operator will submit a revised application, following discussions with TCEQ and EPA early last week. You may wish to visit with Mr. Ray Leissner, our Aquifer Exemption officer.

Hope this helps.

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